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SUBJ VISIT TO UNITED STATES OF PRESIDENT, HONDA MOTOR CO, LTD.

1. SOICHIRO HONDA, PRESIDENT, HONDA MOTOR CO., LTD., DUE TO VISIT USA 11-16 AUG. US NATIONAL COUNCIL OF YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATIONS (NC/YMCA) HAS WRITTEN TO PRESIDENT NIXON REQUESTING THAT HE MEET WITH HONDA.

2. NC/YMCA'S LETTER STATES THAT TWO YEARS AGO HONDA MADE GIFT TO NC/YMCA OF 10,000 MINI-BIKES AND FUNDS HAVING TOTAL VALUE OF \$2.8 MILLION FOR USE IN COMBATTING JUVENILE DELINQUENCY IN UNITED STATES. NC/YMCA ASKS IF PRESIDENT WOULD SPARE A FEW MOMENTS TO THANK HONDA PERSONALLY FOR GIFT, AND THEREBY ENHANCE MUTUAL EFFORTS TO REDUCE DELINQUENCY AND PROMOTE UNDERSTANDING. LETTER ALSO INDICATES GIFT HAS LED TO NC/YMCA COOPERATION WITH JAPANESE YMCA IN COMBATTING JAPANESE JUVENILE DELINQUENCY.

3. REQUEST EMBASSY VERIFY GIFT AND PROVIDE ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON SURROUNDING CIRCUMSTANCES, INCLUDING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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REASONS, CONDITIONS, ETC. FURTHER REQUEST EMBASSY COMMENT ON

ADVISABILITY OF MEETING. EMBASSY'S REQUEST NEEDED ASAP.

4. AS EMBASSY AWARE, HONDA'S SMALLEST VEHICLES WERE FIRST IN
INDUSTRY TO HAVE MET U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY STAN-
DARDS ORIGINALLY SET FOR 1975 MODELS. PRESIDENT'S MEETING
WITH HONDA MIGHT BE INTERPRETED BY US AUTO INDUSTRY AS
ENDORSEMENT OF IMPORTS OF HONDA AND OTHER FOREIGN AUTOMOBILES.
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